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For : THERMAL SHIELD AND HERMETIC SEAL FOR PREVENTING  
DETERIORATION OF PLASTIC INSULATION IN OPEN ACCESS  
CLOSURES AND METHOD THEREFOR

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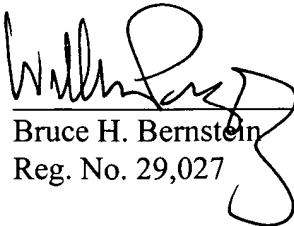
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